

The liturgical color is green for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE** Evocation on "FINLANDIA" Frederick Steffen  
Amy Bender, organ

**CHORAL INTROIT** “The Awakening” Joseph M. Martin  
Charter Members Men’s Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

**WELCOME** Pam Schwaller, liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
One: We are all God’s children, beloved and created by God to reflect the Lord’s image.  
**All: We celebrate the beloved glory of God found in every person.**  
One: We are all part of God’s family and God’s family reflects the image of God.  
**All: We are part of a family of God that embraces our abilities, strengths, and weaknesses.**  
One: God’s family includes every person. We are a collection of people who love God—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, neurologically typical and neurologically divergent, disabled and nondisabled. We are part of God’s family.  
**All: God’s family is diverse and divergent. We are all part of God’s family. Thanks be to God!**  
*Written by Rev. Shannon Blosser and the Autism Inclusion Mission*

**\*OPENING HYMN** “In Christ There Is No East or West” UMH 548  
*Hymn History:* This version of an Afro-American spiritual was arranged by Henry Thacker “Harry” Burleigh. Born in 1866 in Erie, Pa., Burleigh was a composer, arranger, vocalist. He was know for his rich baritone voice. He was the first African-American to be soloist at St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City. He met the famed composer Antonin Dvorak at the National Conservatory of Music of America in NYC where Burleigh was a student (and Dvorak the Director) and introduced him to the traditional music of African-Americans. Dvorak incorporated themes from both African-Americans and Native Americans in his famous New World Symphony. Burleigh died in Stamford, Connecticut in 1949.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OPENING PRAYER**  
**Holy God, there is much that tries to separate us from one another. Creed and race, gender and nation, class and culture call for our fragmentation, but you call us to live together in your grace. You call us your children. You call us beloved. Today, let us embrace our collective identity in Christ and the unique ways God is expressed through each and every one of us. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**  
*Written by Mackalyn Figgins with Discipleship Ministries, The United Methodist Church*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time*

**ANTHEM** “I Am Not My Own” Craig Courtney  
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

**SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**MENTOR IN MINISTRY**

**SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** “On Faith Alone” arr. Tom Fettke

**\*DOXOLOGY #94**  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below;**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**  
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN OF CENTERING** “Help Us Accept Each Other” UMH 560

**SCRIPTURE** Galatians 3:26-29, p. 825

**MESSAGE** “Masterpiece: EVERY Body – Celebrating”  
Mackalyn Figgins

*\* Congregation invited to stand if able*

\*HYMN OF MISSION

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

UMH 589

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE    "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

"Grand Jeu"

Jean Adam Guilain

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In Loving Appreciation of Amy Bender & the Music Ministry

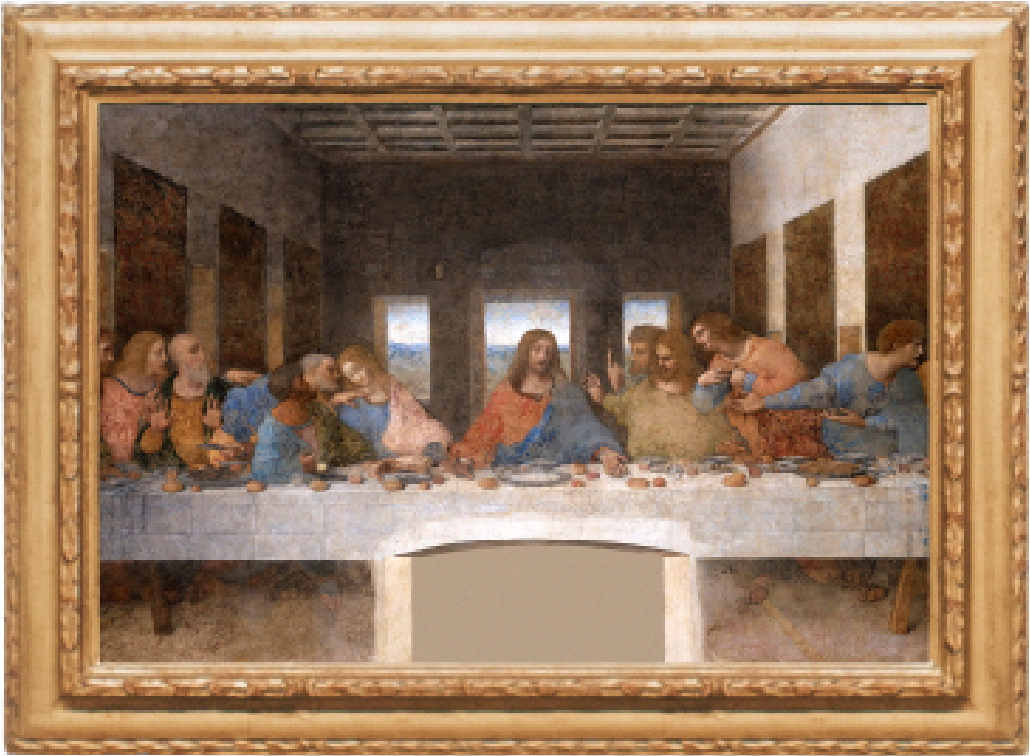
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In Memory of wife, Linda

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Traditional Worship | September 28, 2025



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